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MRS. C. A. DEITZ CALLED BY DEATH

SIXTEEN-YEAR ILLNESS ENDED
BY DEATH SATURDAY FOR
GROTON MATRON

Death wrote the final word in a story of long suffering, attended by high courage and a keen desire to live, for Mrs. Clayton A. Deitz at her home Saturday forenoon. The news came as a shock to her many friends in the community, who knew she was more seriously ill than she had been, but still felt she would rally as she had done before during the many years of affliction that somehow were her lot.

Despite her vacillating health she kept in close touch with her friends and for a long time took a limited part in the social and church life of the community. As the malady, that was to claim her life, fastened itself so firmly upon her that even her family and friends realized her brave battle to regain her health was in vain, she fought valiantly on and planned for the day when she should be well again.

Like many another brave battle, hers was not to end in the victory she hoped for and desired, but it was an object lesson in the art of salvaging the fragments that remained after an unkind destiny had shattered the dream-house of happiness that she had built for herself, in common with all who are young and look forward to life.

She had lived nearly her whole adult life in Groton, coming to the community in 1900 and working as a teacher in the public schools. She was married to Clayton A. Deitz on May 24, 1914, at Wapella, Saskatchewan, Canada, and the two spent their honey-moon selling books in that province to earn funds for the husband to continue his education in the pharmacy profession.

In Chicago she worked as a cashier in Marshall Fields, while her husband carried on his studies at Northwestern University. At the completion of the course the young couple returned to Groton and here their home and their business interests have remained since then.

The fatal malady gripped her just as the future seemed bright with the promise of a happy and prosperous life together with the daughter that was born to them. She rallied from time to time and in 1933 and '34 she was able to travel with her husband to Chicago to enjoy the Century of Progress exposition and to revisit the scenes of her early married life. She and her daughter made another trip eastward to visit relatives and friends — another example of her ability to